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GENUINE reform of the financial issue is not to be looked for from the present congress.

If the representatives in the present congress are the representative men of this country, the Lord deliver us.

THE proposed investigation of the Armenian massacre, has begun to assume an interesting feature.

THE Debs contempt case will be brought before the supreme court. A stay of execution has been granted until January 8th.

THE income tax is to be tested in the courts. John G. Moore, of New York, making strong efforts to have the law pronounced unconstitutional.

THE Lexow committee in New York, still continues to do business. Police Williams has been placed on the rack but denies all charges made against him.

NOW comes A. W. Alton, who desires to put an end to the existence of the president of the United States. The fellow must have softening of the brain. He hails from Jerusalem.-(Texas.)

THERE is a possibility of a clause for the free coinage of silver being tacked on to the present bill before the house, as an amendment. There are plenty of silver men in congress who have not yet shown their hands.

IT is reported that it is a rule now in Washington, if a congressman is found who hasn't a plan of his own for the solution of the present financial problem, to cremate him. So far no one has been cremated.

TARIFF or no tariff, the hens of this country are getting just about as good prices for their manufactures just now as any other of the laboring classes of this country, and no increase on raw material either.

TURKEY will not allow the representative of the United States to participate in the investigation at Armenia. How strange it is that of late Uncle Sam has received so many snubs from foreign nations with such indifference.

AND now States Attorney Kern, of Chicago, must appear before the grand jury. Surely the representatives of that city which is taking pattern after Sodom and Gormorah, of Biblical fame, will soon be clothed in sack cloth and ashes.

A NUMBER of our professed friends have reported on the streets that the INDEPENDENT has sold out. Those who have such power as to know the extent of the sale, and who, no doubt, are encompassed about with great mind reading proclivities, would confer a great favor on us if they would state the price.

A PREACHER in a town not a thousand miles from here, recently said no newspaper that told the truth could make a pecuniary success. We may be pardoned in remarking in return as a compliment, that the minister who will at all times and under all circumstances tell the whole truth about his members, alive or dead, will not occupy the pulpit more than a Sunday, and then, perhaps, he will find it expedient to leave in a hurry. The press and the pulpit go hand in hand with whitewash brushes and pleasant words, magnifying little virtues into big ones. The pulpit, the pen and the gravestone are the great saint-making triumvirate.

THE English papers constantly complain that the language we speak and write in this country is not English, but a new tongue. Why not accept their judgment, and cease calling our speech by that name? Why not the "American language," or the "United States language?" There are nearly twice as many people on this continent to-day who speak this tongue as there are in the whole world besides. Figures show this conclusively. There are 70,000,000 people in the United States, and 7,000,000 in British America, or 77,000,000 in all. In the British Isles there are 37,000,000, and in the British possessions in Oceania 4,000,000 more, or 41,000,000 altogether. The American people are thinking, writing, discovering and creating in every way, much more than twice as much as their congeners elsewhere, and it is but natural that they

should dominate in the common speech, and in time give their name to it.

INDEPENDENT citizens who object to the predominant style of purely party dictation in the making up of a ticket for municipal or township election can only hope for a different state of affairs, when they take the proper means to manifest their strength. It is undoubtedly the duty of partisans of either party to do all in their power to secure the nomination and election of partisan candidates for the legislature or for congress, but any man's honest views on the question of free trade or protection or the differences between neighbors on the subject of free coinage or state banks should have no more weight with any sensible man in deciding his vote for or against a competent business man for the office of mayor or city clerk, than should his views on hypnotism or baptism, or the ringing of his bells in the light or dark of the moon.

THERE is a town on the map known as Wellington, Kas., in the county of Sumner. We had the pleasure of residing in that beautiful city, and know from experience that the people are considered farther advanced intellectually, than a great many of the remote corners of the earth. Now after a period of several years of obscurity, they once more come to the front with a legal act of profundity. A man by the name of McDonald shot to death, a respected citizen named Patton. Now, when his case was brought into court and before a jury composed of Sumner county citizens, then did this defendant swear that a man known as Gray, used his power of hypnotism upon him causing him to commit this horrible murder. This jury, like all Kansas people, equal to any emergency that may confront them, immediately discharged the prisoner, and convicted this man Gray, of murder in the first degree.

## A Suggestion.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT:

You hear the question frequently, what will we do with the tramps and hoboes that have become a nuisance to the public at large? I will give you my manner of treating every individual coming into our lines and asking alms or in plain words, begging. If our city powers would do their duty, they would erect a good, substantial workhouse, surrounded by a high board fence—say about twelve feet high—ample supply of barb wire on top to keep the hobo from falling out when we once get him on the inside. Now we have the house all secure, let the powers contract for a lot of lime stone which can be secured at a very nominal price, cost of freight added, and place it in the house and when one of these intruders comes in our lines take him on sight and put him at work breaking stone and feed him according to his working qualities and it is often the case that some of our natives (citizens) get on the rampage, and it is necessary to bring the afore-said to justice and he must put up for the breach of our rules or go to the bastille. It is very frequently the case that the accused has not the amount demanded, so to the bastille he goes, there to eat three square meals a day and then the hard working citizen must pay this loafer's board. Now, if we have this house and pile of stone mentioned, we can make him work his fine out, say at fifty cents per day and board. Then we can take these crushed stone and macadamise our streets and in a short time our little city will be in a nice, dry condition. Don't you see, we will be gainers instead of losers? A CITIZEN.

## Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for January.

Frank Leslie's popular monthly for January, is really a holiday number, with regard both to the character of its reading matter and richness of its illustrations. The leading article, "St Andrews and Andrew Lang," by Mrs. Leicester Addis, is a charming account of the university career and literary life of this versatile author, also of the quaint little old scotch city of his Alma Mater, where the faddish game of golf has been played on its native links since the middle ages. Francis Smith gives a glimpse of "Miss Gould at Lyndhurst," illustrating the occupation and amusements of an American chateleine; and Francis Courtenay Baylor contributes three suggestive articles "On Entertaining." In the way of exploration and picturesque travel, there are "America's Egypt" (Yucatan), by Mme. Le Plongeon; "Finland and the Finns," by Herman Montague Donner; and "A dash into Pineapple Land," which is southeastern Florida. Lydia Hoyt Farmer contributes an interesting paper on "Jerusalem in the First Century," and Charlotte McIlvain Moore writes sympathetically of "Old Kentucky Homes." "Chiming Bells," by S. H. Ferris, is a seasonable topic, thoroughly treated, and a full-page engraving of Boutigny's picture of the death of Marshall Lannes at the battle of Essling furnishes the motive for some interesting historical pages about Napoleon and Alexander I. of Russia.

## The New Dixie.

Oh, Dixie land is the land of cotton—  
Brings five cents, an' the crop's forgotten.  
Buy a bale,  
Buy a bale,  
Buy a big old bale in Dixie.  
Then I wish I was in Dixie!  
Today,  
Hooray!  
Then I wish I was in Dixie land,  
With five cent cotton on either hand,  
I'd buy,  
I'd buy,  
The whole blamed crop in Dixie.  
Oh the farmers planted lots o' acres;  
Asked for cash, thaa warn't no takers.  
Not a bale  
Not a bale  
That was worth the work in Dixie!  
Then I wish I was in Dixie  
To day,  
Hooray  
I wish I was in Dixie land  
With fifteen dollars in my hand,  
I'd die,  
Or buy  
The whole blamed crop in Dixie.  
—Atlanta Constitution.

## Leaks from our Think Tank.

If the children are taught to feed themselves with the blade of a knife, it is out of place for the father to scold when he cuts himself while doing the same thing.

Blessed is the man that pays his subscription for a paper in advance for he fatteneth the editor's pocket book.

"Manners maketh the man" but news maketh the paper.

You may lie to a grand jury but you'll tell St. Peter the truth some day.

Many people treat religion as a hitching post, to be used when they are on their last legs.

Don't do as I do, but do as I tell you, is the doctrine of more than one leader advanced thought.

The business man who does not advertise is a good deal like a tallow dip, he is out of date.

Nothing makes a man feel so much like kicking himself as to hear some old family friend tell his children what a thorough scamp their father was when a boy.

Truth and poetry seldom go hand in hand, but when they do it is often hard to make the lines rhyme.

## Ilion.

Charles Elliott is home on a vacation. Mrs. P. O. Walker, of Denham, Ind., is visiting her mother of this place.

Samuel Crull and wife spent Christmas in Chicago with their children.

Every neighborhood has its hoodlums but we are more than blest.

Ellis Strosnider and Charles Walker were at Argos last week and assisted in the organization of a populist club.

THE INDEPENDENT is making many friends in our midst. It deserves patronage as it is patriotic, clean and newsy.

Uncle John Sickman departed this life Dec. 13, we are unable to state his age but he has resided in this township many years, his aged companion preceded him about four months.

Our schools will close for a week's vacation. Success has left its mark upon the schools of this township under the guidance of a trustee that has the work at heart.

## Twin Lakes.

Our church is finished and it is a beauty.

Mrs. A. A. Miller was visiting a few days at Knox.

A. A. Miller is still buying thoroughbred sheep and hogs.

The storm has cleared away and the literary is running nicely.

Miss Lizzie Miller is visiting her home and friends here.

Miss Maggie and Tillie Botorff visited our school one day last week.

Someone should ask Newhouse & Steele if the people of Twin Lakes can eat oysters.

Beer checks go in our town at 25 cts. a piece. Do not bring too many as it will spoil a good thing.

A. R. Zimmerman, proprietor of the INDEPENDENT, has been in our vicinity working for the interest of his paper.

E. S. Freese has been plowing for corn and if the weather stays this way he will plant soon—Later—no corn planted.

## Bourbon.

Revival services at the Presbyterian church this week.

The M. E. Sunday school had exercises Christmas night.

B. S. McAlpine was elected worthy master of the Masonic lodge.

Frank McKinney, of Plymouth, has been in town several days past.

Brie Thompson and Emanuel Caldwell are in town visiting relatives this week.

During the past week the town has been crowded with people from the neighboring country and towns making holiday purchases.

Saturday M. M. Cline served over 1,000 people to a cup of Chase & Sanborn coffee, Golden rod tea and a biscuit made of Bourbon flour. He used this as a mode of advertising his goods and from all appearances did so thoroughly.

The school entertainment, played at the opera house was a howling success. Every one who attended it was very

much pleased. "The Brownies and Bogieman" played by room 1 brought down the house. "Labor Operette" and "Peak's Sisters" also were very well played. The house was crowded, in fact, there was hardly standing room for the audience. We were pleased to see several Plymouth people present.

## Argos Snaps.

Ben Ball was in Plymouth last Friday. Mr. Roe Oler is visiting his brother John.

Wesley McGriff is sick from an attack of the grip.

Claude Fish, of Plymouth, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. O'Brien was at Macy for Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Emma Nicolay, of Plymouth, was in Argos Wednesday.

Several cases of scarlet fever are reported in this county.

M. O. Packard was in town Tuesday, on his way to Plymouth.

Peter Spangler, of Maxinkuckee, was in town Tuesday on business.

Shooting matches seems to be all the rage in Marshall county this year.

Miss Carrie Drummond is visiting her brother of Plymouth, this week.

The M. E. Sunday school has an election of officers and teachers Dec. 26.

The Argos Social Club gave another ballast evening, which was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Daubenspeck went to Rochester Tuesday for Christmas turkey.

Mrs. Geo. Alleman's mother, of Rochester, is visiting Mrs. Alleman this week.

Lawyer Gould and family, of Knox, are visiting Dr. Gould of this place during the holidays.

The card party held at Mr. Bose's residence Thursday, Dec. 20, was a success in every respect.

The Misses Stella Taber and Kraus sisters are enjoying Christmas with friends in Plymouth.

Mr. George Kendall, of Cincinnati, is visiting his brother and sister of this place for a few days.

The Argos Masonic Temple gave a grand reception Thursday evening, Dec. 27, public installation.

Miss LuEmma Hess who is attending college at Merom, Ind., is home for the holidays. She will return to school in about one week.

A grand book may be obtained by leaving your order and \$2.75 for the Marshall County INDEPENDENT, with C. E. Flagg.

Bert Benner who is working as operator for the L. E. & W. Ry., at Mays, Ind., is spending vacation with parents in this place.

Miss Hettie Leland, of Argos, who has been in Chicago for the past two years returned home to spend the holidays with parents.

Several parties, too numerous to mention their names have taken advantage of the holiday excursion rates, which took place Tuesday last.

On last Saturday night between nine and ten o'clock, the barn of Isaac Swihart was burned, but most of its contents saved. No insurance.

A beautiful cantata was presented at the Advent church Monday evening, Miss Stella Taber, representing the principle character as grandmother.

The Christian Endeavor is doing good work in this place. They meet every Friday evening, and extend an invitation to every one, especially the young people.

Enoch Hess who has been living on his farm southwest of Argos, has traded the same to E. W. Cannon for his restaurant. Mr. Hess takes possession some time this week.

John McMaster was in Plymouth Monday and Tuesday with his sisters.

Jacob Martin teacher of the Plymouth high school, is visiting with Mr. Goodwin of this place.

It is too bad that respectable people have to be insulted on the streets of a city or town by the class of people who have no respect for themselves or others either and yet nothing must be said by any one to stop such conduct.

Among the attractions for Christmas eve was a snow house and tree at the M. E. church. A grand entertainment was rendered by the classes of the Sunday school. Santa Claus of course was there for the little people who enjoyed his speech and grotesque appearance. Presents filled the tree from top to bottom, and made a nice display. The Sunday school was presented with a beautiful library which we consider one of the finest presents there. Bro. Warren, pastor of the church received a turkey trimmed in blue which he says was a bountiful gift.

## Cabs.

A new kind of cab, propelled mechanically, has been tried in Berlin. It resembles a large bath-chair with two seats, and is driven by a petroleum naphtha motor. It has three wheels and carries two persons, one of whom controls the machine. The motor develops nearly two-horse power, and gives a speed of eleven miles an hour.

## Germans the Best Educated.

Germany now is the best educated nation of the continent, yet only 100 years ago German teachers in many parts of the country were so poorly paid that they used to sing in front of the houses in order to add to their income by odd pence.

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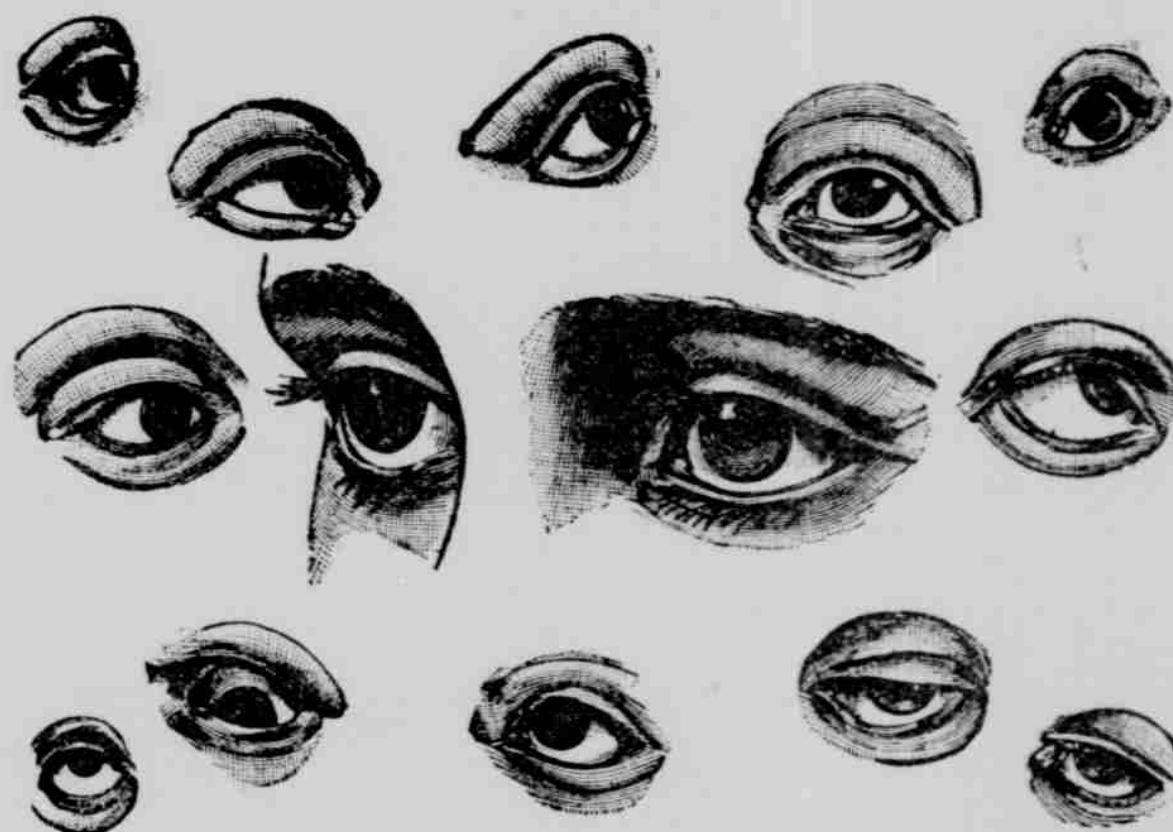
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